

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 28-39 and 42-47 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-27 and 40-41 were previously cancelled by Applicant without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 28-39 and 42-47 stand rejected. Claim 28 has been amended to further define various features of Applicant's invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Specification Objections

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the claim language "central wall" in Claim 28, line 11 lacks antecedent basis in the written specification. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 has been amended to recite "the cell walls extend from the skin in a common direction parallel with a central perpendicular to the skin." Support for this amendment is found in the specification at paragraph 16, wherein it is stated that "To facilitate extraction of the body armour 10 from a mould, the cell walls 15 extend from the outer skin 11 in a common direction parallel with the *central perpendicular P to the outer skin 11*." (emphasis added). Thus the specification provides proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 28-39 and 42-47 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant amends Claim 28 to overcome these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 28-39 and 42-47 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant submits amended Claim 28. Applicant submits Claims 28-39 and 42-47 are in condition for allowance and requests favorable action.

CONCLUSION

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned agent for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant believes there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Beard", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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